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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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and Daniel ZAUNER

Confirmation No.: 1064

Application No.: 10/790,383

Group Art Unit: 1725

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Examiner: Elve, Maria A.

For: PROCESS FOR LASER WELDING WITH PRE- AND/OR POST-HEATING

IN THE AREA OF THE WELD SEAM

Attorney Docket No.: 3926.070

Customer Number: 000041288

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136 AND PAYMENT OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of three (3) months, extending the response period for the Office Action dated July 1, 2005, from October 1, 2005, to January 3, 2006 (January 1st and 2nd being Legal Holidays). A credit card payment form in the amount of \$1,020.00 is attached. Please charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-0877. Further, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees,

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except for the issue fee, necessary for the continued pendency of this application to Deposit Account 16-0877.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: January 3, 2006

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE

I hereby certify that the foregoing PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136 AND PAYMENT OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17 for U.S. Application No. 10/790,383 filed March 1, 2004, was deposited in first class U.S. mail, with sufficient postage, addressed to: Attn: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450, on January 3, 2006.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0877.

Stephan A. Pendorf